

Senate Bill 65

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Walker III of the 20th, Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to take certain actions,
3 including but not limited to promulgating rules, applying for federal moneys, and
4 establishing an advisory committee, to create, implement, or operate a state, federal, or
5 partnership exchange or marketplace; to repeal former exemptions and prohibitions; to
6 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
7 for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
11 provisions, is amended by revising Code Section 33-1-23, relating to establishment of
12 exchange, as follows:

13 "33-1-23.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'exchange' shall have the same meaning provided
15 for in paragraph (1) of Code Section 33-23-201.

16 (b) ~~No department, agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of this state shall~~ The
17 Commissioner of Insurance shall have the authority to:

18 (1) Establish any program; promulgate any rule, policy, guideline, or plan; or change any
19 program, rule, policy, or guideline to implement, establish, create, administer, or
20 otherwise operate an exchange; ~~or~~

21 (2) Apply for, accept, or expend federal moneys related to the creation, implementation,
22 or operation of an exchange; and

23 (3) Establish any advisory board or committee the Commissioner deems necessary for
24 providing recommendations on the creation, implementation, or operation of an
25 exchange.

26 ~~(c) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to the Commissioner of Insurance in the~~
27 ~~implementation or enforcement of the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 23 of this title.~~

28 ~~(d) Neither the state nor any department, agency, bureau, authority, office, or other unit~~
29 ~~of the state, including the University System of Georgia and its member institutions, nor~~
30 ~~any political subdivision of the state shall establish, create, implement, or operate a~~
31 ~~navigator program or its equivalent as defined in Code Section 33-23-201; provided,~~
32 ~~however, that any grant regarding a navigator program in effect on April 15, 2014, shall~~
33 ~~be permitted to continue for the term of such grant but shall then terminate upon the~~
34 ~~expiration of the term of such grant and shall not be renewed, notwithstanding any~~
35 ~~provision contained within such grant allowing for automatic renewal under certain~~
36 ~~circumstances.~~

37 ~~(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to preclude the state from participating~~
38 ~~in any Medicaid program."~~

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
41 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.